



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 578**

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House Bill No. 6281

*House of Representatives, April 13, 2015*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) There is established an  
2       organ and tissue donation awareness account which shall be a  
3       separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. Any moneys  
4       collected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for donations to the  
5       organ and tissue awareness account pursuant to subsection (b) of  
6       section 14-12 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and  
7       subsection (a) of section 14-22 of the general statutes, as amended by  
8       this act, shall be deposited by the commissioner into the account. The  
9       account may also include moneys received from public and private  
10      sources, including the federal government.

11      (b) All moneys deposited in the account shall be used by the  
12      Department of Public Health or persons acting under a contract with  
13      the department to: (1) Reimburse the Department of Motor Vehicles for  
14      costs incurred to include notice on applications for motor vehicle

15 registration and renewal applications for motor vehicle registration of  
16 the option to submit a donation to the fund and to collect such  
17 donations from applicants, provided the amount for such costs  
18 incurred shall not exceed ten thousand dollars and such  
19 reimbursement shall occur not later than July 1, 2016; and (2) annually  
20 allocate (A) not less than sixty-five per cent of the funds in the account  
21 to a nonprofit organization that, as its sole mission, provides public  
22 education for persons in the state concerning organ and tissue  
23 donation and the state donor registry, maintained pursuant to section  
24 14-42a of the general statutes for activities that include, but are not  
25 limited to, (i) developing organ and tissue donation awareness  
26 materials and providing such materials to members of the public, and  
27 (ii) holding organ and tissue donation awareness events; (B) not more  
28 than fifteen per cent of the funds in the account to the Department of  
29 Motor Vehicles for costs incurred to promote donations to the fund  
30 and collect such donations; and (C) not more than twenty per cent of  
31 the funds in the account to the advisory council, established pursuant  
32 to 19a-6m of the general statutes, for the purpose of organ and tissue  
33 donor awareness programs, including, but not limited to,  
34 implementation of an organ and tissue donation awareness program in  
35 secondary schools and promotion of the organ and tissue awareness  
36 account.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-12 of the general statutes is  
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
39 *October 1, 2015*):

40 (b) To obtain a motor vehicle registration, except as provided in  
41 subsection (c) of this section, the owner shall file in the office of the  
42 commissioner an application signed by him and containing such  
43 information and proof of ownership as the commissioner may require.  
44 The application shall be made on blanks furnished by the  
45 commissioner. The blanks shall be in such form and contain such  
46 provisions and information as the commissioner may determine. Such  
47 blanks shall include a notice to applicants of an option to make a  
48 donation of two dollars to the organ and tissue donation awareness

49 account, established pursuant to section 1 of this act, and allow for  
50 payment of such donation.

51 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 14-22 of the general statutes is  
52 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
53 *October 1, 2015*):

54 (a) A motor vehicle registration issued pursuant to this chapter shall  
55 expire in accordance with schedules established by the commissioner.  
56 If the expiration date of the registration of the motor vehicle, except the  
57 registration of a motor vehicle used to transport passengers for hire,  
58 falls on any day when offices of the commissioner are closed for  
59 business, the registration shall be deemed valid for the operation of the  
60 motor vehicle until midnight of the next day on which offices of the  
61 commissioner are open for business. The commissioner shall prescribe  
62 the date and manner of renewing registrations. Not less than forty-five  
63 days prior to the expiration of any valid registration, the department  
64 shall send or transmit, in such manner as the commissioner  
65 determines, an application for renewal to the registrant. Such  
66 application shall include a notice to applicants of an option to make a  
67 donation of two dollars to the organ and tissue donation awareness  
68 account, established pursuant to section 1 of this act, and allow for  
69 payment of such donation. In the case of a motor vehicle registered to  
70 a leasing company licensed pursuant to section 14-15, the department  
71 may send or transmit, in such manner as the commissioner determines,  
72 an application for renewal of a leased vehicle to the lessee of such  
73 vehicle. The commissioner shall not be required to send or transmit a  
74 registrant's or lessee's application by mail if the United States Postal  
75 Service has determined that mail is undeliverable to such person at the  
76 address for such person that is in the records of the department. Except  
77 for the processing of such application at an official emissions  
78 inspection station as provided in subsection (b) of this section or by  
79 telephone as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the  
80 commissioner may require that the application be returned  
81 electronically or by mail in order to be processed and approved, with  
82 only such exceptions, on a hardship basis, as shall be established by

- 83 the commissioner in regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	14-12(b)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	14-22(a)

**PH**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>	<b>FY 17 \$</b>
Department of Motor Vehicles	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below
Department of Motor Vehicles	TF - Cost	up to \$50,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund; TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

Section 1 of the bill: (1) creates the organ and tissues donation awareness account, a non-lapsing account within the General Fund for deposits of the \$5 donations and (2) requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to allocate the funds under the provisions of the bill which does not result in a fiscal impact to DPH.

Section 2 of the bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to include a notice for a \$2 charitable donation on registration forms. It is anticipated that DMV would need up to \$50,000 in reprogramming costs associated with the registration form. Up to 15% of the donations annually collected will be reimbursed to DMV for costs associated with the provisions of the bill.

The following chart shows the amount of revenue that would be generated if a certain percentage of individuals choose to make the \$2 charitable donation. Annual new and renewal registrations are approximately 1.2 million.

#### **Annual Revenue generated from the percentage of donations on**

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**registrations**

Percentage	# of registrations	Revenue \$
5%	60,000	120,000
10%	120,000	240,000
15%	180,000	360,000
20%	240,000	480,000
25%	300,000	600,000

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future dependent on the number of registrations that provide the \$2 charitable donation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 6281****AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS.****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes a separate, non-lapsing organ and tissue donation awareness account within the General Fund.

Under the bill, application forms for motor vehicle registrations and registration renewals must (1) include notice to applicants of the option to make a \$2 donation to the account and (2) allow for payment of such donation. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner must deposit any donations DMV collects under these provisions into the account. Money received from public and private sources, including the federal government, may also be deposited into the account.

The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), by July 1, 2016, to use up to \$10,000 of the funds to reimburse DMV for the cost of changing the registration forms and collecting the donations. DPH must also annually allocate the account funds as follows:

1. at least 65% to a nonprofit organization that solely provides public education about organ and tissue donation in the state and the state donor registry by (a) developing organ and tissue donation awareness material and providing it to the public and (b) holding organ and tissue donation awareness events;
2. up to 15% to the DMV for costs incurred to promote and collect donations to the fund; and
3. up to 20% to the advisory council on organ and tissue donation

education for account promotion and awareness programs,  
including those in secondary schools.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    28    Nay   0    (03/25/2015)